भी दी गई । मण्डी में प्याज की सरल सुलभता तथा गिरते मूल्यों को देखते हुए 12 फरवरी, 1999 को महाराष्ट्र सरकार द्वारा नामजद की जाने वाली एजेन्सियों के जरिए तीन माह के लिये प्रतिमाह 25,000 मीटरी टन प्याज के निर्यात की अनुमति देने का निर्णय लिया गया । इसके अलावा, 5 मार्च,1999 को गुजरात सरकार द्वारा नामजद एक एजेंन्सी को 15,000 मीटरी टन प्याज निर्यात तथा भारतीय राष्ट्रीय कृषि सहकारी विपणन संघ को प्रतिमाह 10,000 मीटरी टन प्याज निर्यात करने की अनुमति तीन माह (मई, 1999 तक) के लिए देने का निर्णय भी लिया गया ।

**विवरण**

**वर्ष 1998-99 के दौरान प्याज का राज्यवार प्रत्याशित उत्पादन**

(लाख मीटरी टन में)

| | राज्य | उत्पादन |
|---|---|---|
| 1. | आंध्र प्रदेश | 2.95 |
| 2. | बिहार | 1.60 |
| 3. | गुजरात | 6.28 |
| 4. | हरियाणा | 0.95 |
| 5. | कर्नाटक | 4.55 |
| 6. | मध्य प्रदेश | 2.30 |
| 7. | महाराष्ट्र | 12.40 |
| 8. | उडीसा | 3.23 |
| 9. | राजस्थान | 3.35 |
| 10. | तमिलनाडु | 3.05 |
| 11. | उत्तर प्रदेश | 4.85 |
| 12. | अन्य | 1.73 |
| | योग | 47.24 |

**Procuring foodgrains for Central and State Stocks**

2497; SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the estimated foodgrain production of rabi crops this year, indicating also the total foodgrain production for the current year;

(b) the comparative figures for the past two years; and

(c) the quantum of foodgrains procured by Government for the Central and State stocks?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) and (b) The estimated foodgrains production season-wise for the current year and the last two years is given below:

(million tonnes)

| Season | 1996-97 | 1997-98 | 1998-99 |
|---|---|---|---|
| Kharif Foodgrains | 103.92 | 101.13 | 98.70 |
| Rabi Foodgrains | 95.52 | 91.30 | 96.55 |
| TOTAL | 199.44 | 192.43 | 195.25 |

(c) A quantity of 22.41 million tonnes of foodgrains has been procured by the government for the central and state stock during 1998-99, as on 12-03.99.

**Jabalpur Quake Fund**

2498. SHRI AKHILESH DAS: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Comptroller and Auditor General has in a recent report revealed misappropriation of crores of rupees from the Jabalpur Quake (of May, 22 1997) Fund;

(b) if so, details of the financial irregularities and the amount misspent from the said quake fund indicating the total quake relief fund given by the Central Government; and

(c) the steps taken in the light of the CAG's report?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SOMPAL): (a) The Report of the Comptroller and Auditor General of India for the year 1997-98 is awaited.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

**Dairy Farming Cooperative Societies**

2499. SHRI LAJPAT RAI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state;

(a) whether Government have any programme to set up the dairy farming cooperative societies in the urban areas of Punjab where these are non-existent for supplying pure milk and dairy products in these areas at reasonable prices;